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SUBJ: FURTHER REACTION TO NEWSWEEK ARTICLE

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1. HARSHLY WORDED, FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE BY "FINANCIAL EDITOR" IN JULY 17 HERALD (PLP) DISCUSSES NEWSWEEK TAX HAVEN ARTICLE FOCUSING ON WHAT IT TERMS USG RESPONSIBILITY FOR "CRIMINAL ACTS ON BAHAMIAN SOIL" AND SPECULATING ON EMBASSY INVOLVEMENT. "FIRST WIDELY PUBLISHED CONFIRMATION" OF ALLEGED USG INVOLVEMENT IN "CRIMINAL ACTS" IN BAHAMAS CALLED "BOMBSHELL" BY HERALD.

2. ARTICLE NOTES, IN CONCLUSION, THAT "THEORETICALLY, AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AGENCIES CONDUCTING COVERT INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS IN FRIENDLY FOREIGN COUNTRIES ARE SUPPOSED TO DO SO ONLY WITH THE KNOWLEDGE AND CONSENT OF THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN THAT COUNTRY. OFFICIALS WHO VIOLATE THIS PRINCIPLE BY CONDUCTING ILLEGAL OPERATIONS WITHOUT AMBASSADORIAL APPROVAL ARE SUPPOSEDLY SUBJECT TO SEVERE DISCIPLINARY SANCTIONS, BUT THERE IS NO NEWS ABOUT DISCIPLINARY ACTION HAVING BEEN TAKEN BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT AGAINST MR. JAFFEE OR OTHER IRS INTELLIGENCE AGENTS WHO APPARENTLY CONSPIRED TO VIOLATE BAHAMIAN LAW."

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